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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:
DATA RECORDING METHOD, DATA RECORDING
EQUIPMENT AND DATA RECORDING EVALUATION
EQUIPMENT

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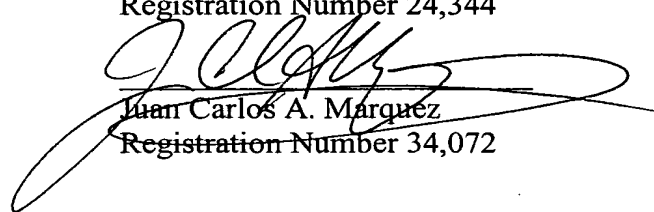
- ☒ 20 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
☒ Transmittal of Japanese application 2003-378857 to claim priority date of November 7, 2003.
☒ An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi-LG Data Storage, Inc.
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement
☒ An Executed Declaration.
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